

ness many years ago, and had visited the Continent and America several times. He joined the R.A.O.U. a few years ago, and was present at the sessions of the Union held in Queensland and West Australia as well as the camp-outs on the Bunya Mts. (Q.) and at Yallingup (W.A.).

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FREDERICK GEORGE FENTON, J.P.

It is with regret that we have to record the death, on 22nd May, 1922, of Mr. F. G. Fenton, J.P., a well-known and much respected resident of Nathalia, Victoria.

Mr. Fenton was a lover of Nature and was particularly interested in animals and birds, of which he had a fine collection at his home, "The Hut," Nathalia. He was a valued and esteemed member of the Union.

His death was the result of a long and painful illness. Our sympathy is extended to his relatives and wide circle of friends.

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THOMAS TINDALE, R.A.O.U.

Mr. T. Tindale was born at Heaford (Lincolnshire) in 1837, and came to Australia in 1850. He was for thirty-three years manager of Langi Kal Station (Vic.) and later lived on his own property, "Lowlands" Apollo Bay, where he died, after an accident, on May 16th, 1922. He was always keenly interested in natural history and especially in Bird Life and though not an active member of the R.A.O.U., he maintained his interest in it from the date of the first "Emu" to the time of his death.

Reviews

[*"Philippine Birds for Boys and Girls."* By Richard C. McGregor and Elizabeth J. Marshall, with illustrations by Macario Ligaya, Manila Bureau of Printing, 1922. 138 pages, 32 illustrations including six well drawn and well printed coloured plates].

This well-illustrated, brightly written book makes a notable contribution to nature-study literature. All the birds described are Philippine species. Most of them are abundant in the islands, and some are not found outside the islands. Care has been taken to make the descriptions of birds, nests, eggs, and habits true to life. The illustrations so clear and striking were specially prepared for the book.

Several of the birds treated, such as the Grass Owl, the Brown Booby, the Greater Man-of-War (Frigate) Bird, the Pacific Golden Plover, the Island Painted Quail (King Quail), and

Broad-billed Roller (Dollar-Bird), are identical with Australian birds; others are closely related, while many of the most interesting are not found in Australia, some not even outside the Philippine Islands.

The authors are to be congratulated on having produced a work scientifically correct, yet full of interest to all nature students, and especially to the children of the Philippines.

SPOTTY, THE BOWER BIRD.

"Spotty, the Bower Bird" is an original book, in which the author, Mr. E. S. Sorenson, R.A.O.U., gives nature truths in the form of pleasantly-written tales. Three chapters concern birds, three animals. These tales are most informative and interesting, describing really the life histories of familiar bush creatures. Although in the story of "Spotty," the Spotted Bower Bird is dealt with in particular, all other Bower Birds are incidentally mentioned. Likewise with "Jack, the Kookaburra," all his Kingfisher brethren are named, and so with the animals treated.

As has been truly stated, the fascination of the subjects, combined with the author's graphic style and delightful humour, are such as make an irresistible appeal to Nature-lovers, both young and old. Mr. Sorenson is to be congratulated on his original book, which is well illustrated by line drawings by the late Mr. E. E. Barker, R.A.O.U., and by some excellent photographs by various nature photographers.

The publishers are Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs Ltd., 189-191 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. Price, 4/6; postage, 3d. extra.

[*"Australian Bird-Maps,"* by Robert Hall, C.M.Z.S., Past President R.A.O.U., Honorary Colonial Member B.O.U., Corresponding Fellow A.O.U., and author of many articles and books on Australian birds].

As we go to press this little book (220 pages) most valuable to the student of bird distribution, migration and differentiation, has reached us.

Original in conception, with its 100 maps of Australia and the part of the world north to Siberia showing the range and distribution of Australian birds (residents and visitors) this work will prove of the greatest assistance to those studying Australian birds. Its opportune issue is a piece of good fortune to the members of the committee completing the second edition of the Official Check-List.

Himself, a great traveller along the migration routes of Australian birds, Mr. Hall here presents the results of the study and experience of a lifetime in a striking form readily intelligible to all.

At 46 the book is cheap to the bird student and ornithologist. Mr. Hall (Bellerive, Hobart) is acting as his own publisher.

Notes

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Index to *The Emu*, Vols. 1—XX.

Members will be interested to learn that Mr. H. L. White has conferred a signal service on ornithology in general, and the R.A.O.U. in particular, by having prepared an index of volumes 1—XX. of *The Emu*. Needing this work for himself he commissioned Mr. Gregory M. Mathews to arrange for the preparation of the work. This has been done in thorough style by Mr. T. Wells, M.B.O.U., ornithologist of the British Museum.

Mr. White on learning that the printing of a larger number would cost but little more than the cost of printing the dozen he intended, ordered the larger number so that others can benefit by his far-sighted and patriotic action. A gift of 100 copies to the R.A.O.U. will enable a member to become the possessor of this fine index of scientific names. Members requiring same should send 15/- to Mr. Grey, Hon. Gen. Sec. 2 Temple Court, Melbourne.

ANNUAL CONGRESS AND CAMP-OUT.

Captain S. A. White is still absent on his long overland motor trip to Darwin back to the Darling and down to Mt. Gambier. He reports a fine season, and is to advise the Council as to the best place in the interior about Lake Eyre for the annual camp-out. Many enquiries are being made concerning this important excursion and camp-out.

It is expected that there will be a large attendance of delegates at the majority (21st) Congress of the R.A.O.U., in Adelaide, beginning on October 16th.

MONTHLY CONVERSAZOINES.

The following topics have been fixed for the monthly meetings to be held on—

Wednesday, July 5th.—“Bronzewing Pigeons and Butcher-birds,” introduced by Mr. D. Thomson, assisted by Mr. F. E. Wilson at the R.A.O.U. room.

Wednesday, August 2nd.—“Wood Swallows,” by Mr. R. T. Littlejohns, at the R.A.O.U. room.

Wednesday, September 6th.—“Quails,” by Mr. A. J. Campbell, at the National Museum, Melbourne.